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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)  
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(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)

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For RECOMBINANT SUBUNIT VACCINE

Art Unit 1648	Examiner M. G. Hill
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. 03/16/2006 AKELECHI 00000114 10049953

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. 01 FC:1252 450.00 OP

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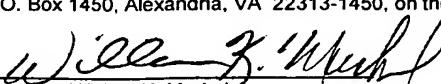
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